

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

March 14, 2013

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 28, 2013 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending March 13, 2013 in the amount of \$ 261,470.24 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of February 28 – March 13, 2013
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office February 28 – March 8, 2013
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of February 2013 in the total amount of \$16,827.72
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for February 2013
- Report of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on March 7, 2013
- Finance Department Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the months of February 2013

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,232,704.60 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the recommendation from the LCLDC Loan Review Committee that a loan be approved for Mike Racine – 305 Margaret Street.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2, Comptrollers Contract # D032301, NYSDOT PIN 775314 “South Catherine Street Reconstruction.”

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Apostles for Life to use 3 parking spaces in front of 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Friday, March 29, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 am for a prayer vigil.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson voted in the affirmative. Councilor Tiffer voted in the negative. Councilor Calnon qualified his vote stating this is a matter of free speech)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves City Clerk Keith Herkalo to refund Cheryl Zavala \$30 of the Taxi Operator Fee because she decided to retire after she had applied for renewal of her Taxi Operator License.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2013 will be changed due to the Good Friday Holiday to Wednesday, March 27, 2013 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2013 market season from May 11 - October 12, 2013.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion:

**Councilor Tiffer** said there's been some concerns that were raised primarily last week and we've all received emails from various groups and individuals. I support Pat in her endeavors she's created a Farmers Market that is popular and people really care about it because if they didn't care they wouldn't be voicing their concerns or their support. I would just ask that she listen to some of the concerns and if there are some feasible solutions to some of the concerns they maybe look at if not then continue the good work that she's doing at the Farmers Market.

**Councilor Calnon** said I think that is a good point. There is certainly a great deal of interest in the

Farmers Market. Both from a shopper's stand point and from a producer's stand point. And I think one of the things we should be considering as we go in to next year and in to next season; is there any feasible way to expand the space so we can actually expand some of the offerings. I think that's the ultimate best solution to broadening the number and scope of vendors that are there. I agree I think that Pat's done a good job down there and if we can give her some additional tools that will help. So I think that is something we probably ought to be looking at as we go in to the wrap up of this year's season and we start to look what we are going to do in 2014.

**Councilor Rabideau** said I am going to go back to some of the emails we received a lot of different emails from people. There was one email that the Mayor had sent out that I just would like to bring out this even if he doesn't want to bring it out. That other locations were offered to these people, the people who want to sell their produce, and they chose not to go to other locations in the city. Such as, I guess, the parking space across from the Clinton County Government Center up on Margaret Street. I believe that Mayor didn't you offer another location?

**Mayor Kasprzak** said I just mentioned in a letter last year, George, actually the hotel site and then possibly the Recreation department location for their parking lot. That was just a couple things that we threw out.

**Councilor Rabideau** said and actually if they wanted to they could have applied for Trinity Park to sell goods. It doesn't have to be all in one spot down in the parking lot. I think it would be great if you had different places that you could walk around on particular days and find people selling produce there produce somewhere else. I can remember where people were refused back in past Mayor's Cups, not our Mayor now past Mayor's, and they set up in the parking lot where the old Cumberland Hotel and sold hot dogs and different things up there. At least they moved on to something else if they didn't achieve what they wanted to here they accepted another spot. I just thought I'd throw it out there for what it's worth and just thought it's worth mentioning.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said there's no question that more space is needed and there are areas of expansion that people feel are necessary. I have complete confidence after all the dialogue we had whether some of it was enjoyable or not previous to tonight it's something they are going to look at it there's no question because there's a need for it. I think your comments are all well taken and I agree with them.

**Councilor Carpenter** said actually this seems like something that the proper committee would probably be best at taking up at their next meeting. What committee would have Farmers Market under them? Does anyone have any idea?

**Councilor Jackson** said who's got Community Development?

**Councilor Calnon** said Community Relations committee.

**Councilor Carpenter** said it would be worth it for them to take it up that's basically one of the plus's of the committee system that we set up, I think. And there are other spots. We did I think last year we allowed those squares on upper Bridge Street to go out to vendors whoever wanted to use them. So it's not like there aren't other places that are open.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the 2013 Street Drives.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Discussion:

**Councilor Jackson** said this is another item where I think we should look at how we award the dates because there is a lot of competition for a fixed amount of dates. I think we treat it right now with a first come first served basis is that correct Keith?

**Mayor Kasprzak** said yes first come first served.

**Councilor Jackson** said I think people are probably putting in their applications for this months in advance. And I think that this is another one that we should look at how we determine who gets the drives. I heard the Mayor and Tim discussing it during the work session and the regular meeting. Is it a City not for profit, is it a county not for profit but how we award these I think should be looked in to as well.

**Councilor Carpenter** said I agree and I think this is another thing the appropriate committee should work on it and bring back the answers.

**Councilor Jackson** said or come up with some recommendations.

**Councilor Rabideau** said I don't think answers its recommendations.

**Councilor Carpenter** said recommendations anyway so that would be the same committee.

**Councilor Tiffer** said Street Drives wouldn't that be Keith Herkalo so its Records committee.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said that's another situation that due to increases in interest we have to discuss it and make some changes accordingly as 2014 comes around. So I think that's the right thing to do.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**H. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for Contract # 2013-08 "Request for qualifications for Stormwater Conveyance System & Green Infrastructure Planning."

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**I. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Club Caribbean to hold a “Street Jam Carnival” on April 20, 2013 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm blocking off a section of Rugar Street from Memorial Hall to Hood Hall.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**J. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bid # 2013-1-2 “St. Lawrence 1 and 3 Substation Upgrades – Phase 2 46kV Circuit Breaker” be awarded to Alstom Grid LLC in the total amount of \$325,075.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**K. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bid # 2013-1-3 “St. Lawrence 1 and 3 Substation Upgrades – Phase 2 46kV Relay Panels” be awarded to AZZ/Central Electric in the total amount of \$114,642.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**L. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2013-09 “Hazardous Material Abatement for Champlain Valley Transportation Museum.”

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**M. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy Manager MLD to advertise for PMLD Bid No. 2013-3-1 “Rust Removal and Painting US Oval Street Light Posts.” Bid opening date: April 16, 2013 at 11:00am.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer  
Discussion:

**Councilor Tiffer** said I just want to repeat what you said there is 2 constituents that call me on a regular basis. Asking me when these poles are going to get repainted so I’m very happy to have an answer now.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said not that we weren’t trying to help in the years past but it’s finally going to get done. Thank you for mentioning that again.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**N. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves hiring contractors to excavate, set tube, pour concrete and backfill for pole construction on Boynton Avenue for installation of License Plate reader Cameras at Exit 38 off-ramp. The cost will be paid for by HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas)

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**O. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.39 “2013 Equipment Replacement” authorizing the purchase of equipment approved for expenditure in 2013 Capital Expenditure Plan.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau  
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**P. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.40 “2013 Street Resurfacing” authorizing the street work approved for expenditure in the 2013 Capital Expenditure Plan.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**Q. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2013-07 “Couch Street Reconstruction, William Street – North Catherine Street.”

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**R. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2013-11 “Painted Pavement Markings.”

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**S. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2013-06 “Leonard Avenue Improvements, Rugar Street-Dennis Avenue and Dennis Avenue Improvements, Tremblay Avenue-Prospect Avenue.”

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves for two Police Officers to attend the “New York Tactical Training Conference” in Verona Falls, NY from April 22 - 25, 2013. The total cost will not exceed \$1,139.81 and will be expensed to the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Treasury).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy Manager MLD to attend the “MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting” in East Syracuse, NY from April 16-18, 2013. The total cost will not exceed \$515.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from Mayor Kasprzak to attend the NYCOM 104th Annual Meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY from May 5 - 7, 2013 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,000.

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## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Jackson** said Jon Ruff sent out an email today about the bid for the Dam’s. What I would like to propose is that our next meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> after the work session but before the regular meeting begins we have a frank discussion about the future. I would encourage everyone to reach out, who has questions, and speak with Jon because we’re going to have to make some pretty big decisions.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said Happy Belated Birthday to Councilor Carpenter and Councilor Jackson. And Happy Birthday today to Ann Chase.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:51 pm**